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SUBJECT: NORTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR TO LAGOS CRITICIZES
U.S. TROOP PRESENCE IN SOUTH KOREA

1. ACCORDING TO NEW NIGERIAN MARCH 8, 1978, NORTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR SONG GWAN-HO HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE IN LAGOS TO CRITICIZE THE INCREASE OF U.S. MILITARY FORCES IN SOUTH KOREA. HE SAID, 'PRESIDENT CARTER SAYS THAT HE ADVOCATES DEMOCRACY, BUT CONTRARY TO THE PROPOSALS PASSED BY THE UNITED NATIONS' GENERAL ASSEMBLY, HE HAS REFUSED TO WITHDRAW HIS FORCES FROM SOUTH KOREA. THIS IS NOT WHAT I UNDERSTAND TO BE DEMOCRACY.'

2. AMBASSADOR SONG ALSO ALLEGED THAT JAPAN WAS TRYING TO 'STRENGTHEN HER MILITARY POTENTIAL IN SOUTH KOREA.' IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION HE DENIED THERE WERE ANY FOREIGN TROOPS IN NORTH KOREA.

3. SONG ALSO APPEALED TO THE NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS TO OPPOSE THE
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MANEUVER TO CREATE TWO KOREAS BY THE 'SPLITISTS.' HE CLAIMED THAT SOUTH KOREA HAD DEEP 'FRIENDLY RELATIONSHIPS WITH RACISTS AND DEBASED THE SACRED PEOPLE OPPOSING RACISTS IN ZIMBABWE, NAMIBIA AND SOUTH AFRICA.' HE ALLEGED THAT SOUTH KOREA HAD GIVEN A 'CONSTRUCTION PROJECT' TO SOUTH AFRICA AND DISPATCHED MILITARY ADVISERS TO RHODESIA. HE DESCRIBED PAK CHONG-BUI AS AN ENEMY OF BOTH THE

PEOPLE OF KOREA AND ALL PEOPLE OPPOSING RACISM.

4. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION AS TO WHAT IDEOLOGY WOULD EMERGE IN A UNIFIED KOREA, HE SAID THAT DEMOCRATICALLY ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES OF KOREA WOULD WORK OUT AN IDEOLOGY FOR THE COUNTRY.

5. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH A NUMBER OF THE STANDARD FULL PAGE STORIES ON NORTH KOREA HAVE BEEN PLACED IN LOCAL MEDIA WITHIN LAST FEW WEEKS AS PAID ADVERTISEMENTS, THIS IS THE FIRST STRAIGHT NEWS REPORT WE HAVE SEEN. WE DO NOT SEE ANY PARTICULAR SIGNIFICANCE, NOR DID IT RECEIVE MUCH PRESS PLAY. THE NEW NIGERIAN BURIED IT ON PAGE NINE BETWEEN ARTICLES ON AIR POLLUTION IN ONE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA AND HEALTH CENTERS IN ANOTHER.
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